

ARLINGTON TREE COMMITTEE, Meeting Minutes

Weds. Dec. 14, 7:30PM, Hearing Room, Town Hall

In attendance: Mara, Eliza, Eric, John, Mary Ellen, Ed, Susan Stamps, Tim L.

Absent: Becky

1. Approve November meeting minutes. APPROVED

2. DPW Tree Department Update (Tim)

Fall planting of 100 trees was finished. Planting started 2nd wk of Nov. List of addresses to be forwarded to John Ellis. Tim will confirm that there are bag tags on new trees.

Watering of new large trees. Tim L has a watering container for his truck that he has been using for watering newly planted large trees at Scannell and the water tower.

Tree Preservation Bylaw: Susan learned this month that the bill was effective as of Sept 1, 2016 but we were not alerted until after Dec 1. Susan was told that it was the town clerk's job to alert the town that the law has been officially passed. Tree Warden and Building Dept planning next steps. Need to make sure that info is on town website for "Article 16". Tim will get the most recent description of this law that is on the arlingtontrees.org website. Tim and Mary Ellen will get the Notice up at the Building Dept

Tree hearing(s). None have happened

Town tree inventory. No update and no recent work

Grant submission. No word

Arlington Ctr Improvements. No word

Mass Ave East Arlington tree re-planting. 27 dead trees were replaced and one additional tree planted this fall. Replacing dead cherries with cherries and dead ornamental pears with cherries; any dead japanese lilacs were switched out with tupelos or 'pink stellar' dogwoods. Selection at nursery was limited due to time of year. At least three more trees to be replaced in spring. All trees recently planted were inspected by Tim and were found to be planted correctly. Grafton St corner will be completed in the spring. Tim found 13 more original trees to

be unhealthy; he is watching them. All replanted trees are to be watered until December 2017 by the contractor

Arlington Garden Club/Friends of Town Hall Gardens – Tour of gardens w/ Tim L. --Eliza will put Patsy Kraemer in touch with Tim

-Water tower trees-- 6 new trees planted early Dec by Russ Cohen and Ben Barkan after getting approval to proceed from Tim L

3. Publicity

Eliza continues to make posts to the ATC FB page and will look into letting people know about arlington trees FB page

Mara agreed to be our publicity coordinator for articles to Arl Advocate, Your Arlington, etc. The committee brainstormed new article topics: the new bylaw, Tim L introduction, report on fall tree planting, new trees at water tower, call for new members, etc)

Outreach to school committee, and town boards etc to do a powerpoint about best practices in planning for trees; John Ellis and Eric A will collaborate on this

4. New Business

The website needs updating. John suggested we could get this accomplished by someone outside of the country for a minimal fee

We discussed the possibility of having “I Love Trees” Bumper stickers for town day next year

New members. Will get a notice posted through Selectmen’s office

Tree Bequest. No decisions made on this though we discussed possibility of paying for a website upgrade using these funds

Correspondence. Received an inquiry from a prospective new member. MEA will follow up with him about attending our January meeting.

Letter re: Trees at St Paul's Cemetery. Mara circulated a draft letter that she will send by snail mail

Magnolia Field - let's try to check on watering practices for this park; Tim will check in with John Marshall re: watering plan for these new trees

John proposed that we might consider a tree planting program such as the one in place for Newport RI where a homeowner is asked to pay a portion of the cost of a tree as long as they agree to plant the tree within a certain proximity to the street.

Next meeting: Committee meets the 2nd Weds of the month, Jan 11